
The Short Circuit

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July 2015

President's Corner

Margie Hoffman KG6TBR

Hello All,

It only happens once every four years.

Register now for HAMCON, the ARRL Southwestern Division Convention that is coming to the Los Angeles area this September. HAMCON 2015 will be held during Sept 11-13 at the Torrance Marriott Hotel.

A full vendor room of 65 booth spaces and a wide range of interesting tech talks are slated. Registration is \$22 through July 31. After August 1, it will be \$27 afterward and at the door.

The tech talks will cover four program tracks: DXing and Contesting; Emergency Communication; General Ham and Technical topics; and Topics for Newer Amateur Operators.

The Torrance Marriott Hotel also has a special discounted room rate for HAMCON 2015 attendees and is only available through August 15, 2015. HAMCON attendees may book sleeping rooms for \$119 per night, including free in-room high-speed Internet and \$5 discounted parking.

Book now by visiting HAMCON's website at: www.hamconinc.org

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Meeting Notice

Thursday, July 23, is the next meeting of the AVARC at Jane Reynolds Park, 716 West Oldfield Street, in Lancaster. Talk-in is available on the Hauser Repeater (146.73 MHz. PL 100) if you need directions. Eyeball QSO starts at 7 pm, and the meeting starts at 7:30.

The new phone number for the club is **(661) 265-6131**.

This month's presentation will feature **Glenn Olson**, Organizer of the Meetup Group "Antelope Valley Preparedness Community." The AVPC, or AV Preppers, is engaged in educating its members in all aspects of preparing for life's disasters, big and small. Living between the San Andreas and Garlock faults means that big disasters are a real possibility and communications will play a big part in survival and recovery. Pictured is Glenn listening to his old shortwave radio while cooking on his backup wood stove.



From The Veep

Carol Humpherys AF6OV

Are you familiar with the Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015?

The act is a reference to two bills, HR-1301 introduced the US House of Representatives on March 4, 2015 and S.1675 introduced in the US Senate on June 25, 2015. Both bills direct the FCC to extend its rules regarding accommodations on amateur communications to Home Owners Associations.

Many Home Owners Associations restrict an operator's ability to install functional outdoor antennas. Wicker, the Mississippi Republican Senator that introduced the bill, stated, "This bill offers Amateur Radio operators the ability to negotiate with subdivisions that now have restrictions that preclude Amateur Radio antennas completely. The bill calls on the FCC to apply the reasonable accommodation policy evenly to all types of residential land use regulations."

Local governments are required by the FCC to reasonably accommodate amateur radio installations. HOA's are not. The bill applies the accommodations to HOA CC&Rs, 'covenants, conditions, and restrictions', as well as to private deed restrictions.

If passed, the bill could help open the door for more young people to become involved in the hobby. If a child's parent purchased a home in an area with antenna restrictions, the young person interested in amateur radio is limited in their ability to become fully active. This bill fixes that!

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AVARC General Meeting June 25, 2015

Opening: Margie Hoffman
KG6TBR - President

7:33pm – Call to order followed by
Flag salute and introductions.

Minutes from last meeting: Taken
by Dan Sherwood W6DAS. Any
corrections: N

Motion to approve as printed in
Short Circuit

Made by: Frank N6FOD Seconded
by: KC6UVM Approved? Yes

Treasurer's report: Gary Barr
WA6TWT: Balance: \$ 4,291.56
(inc. cash \$74)

Membership Report: Gary Barr
WA6TWT - Members: # 99

ARRL members = 74.75% Mem-
bers present tonight: 21

Old Business:

1) Board Meeting was held on June
4, 2015. Board Meeting Discus-
sions:

A) Margie went over Field Day
status and expenses were approved
in amount of \$250. Eleven members
were present.

B) Net Control Ops and status of
Newsline Report

2) Reminder: ARRL Southwestern
Division Convention at Torrance
Marriott September 11-13, 2015:

New Business:

1) Field Day discussion. Margie
went over last minute updates,
schedules and spreadsheets. Set up
is Friday, June 26, with tear down
assistance needed on Sunday, June
27 at 11am. Actual event time is
11am Saturday to 11am Sunday and
is always held the last full weekend
in June. Location is Tierra Bonita

Park located at 44910 27th St E, Lan-
caster CA 93535. It is just north of E
Lancaster Blvd. and is between 27th
St E and 30th St E.

Areas of opportunity for volunteers:
Portable large BBQ brought to park
by Dan W6DAS for the Saturday
BBQ.

Please be prepared bring your own
chair, water, food items other than the
BBQ event on Saturday afternoon
and Pancake breakfast on Sunday. All
stations will be set up according to
schedule. No freelance stations are to
come in due to the necessity of coordi-
nation of interference issues.

LAX NTS Group will accept radio-
grams to the SCM. W6DAS has a
message formatted.

Don Hosman has got proclamations
from Lancaster City Hall. Public in-
formation table will be set up. Cap-
tain Pulgar from LACO FD is sup-
posed to show up.

2) George KC6UVM – Tully in a
managed care facility at Lorimar and
Ave J. Would like visitors.

(BREAK: 8 minutes.) Tonight's
presentation: Ham Radio Jeopardy
Show. Led by Carol Humpherys

Announcements:

John Berger had a light duty rotor for
be given away. No charge – went to
K6GXO. Also will do a FD with a
4WD group on Mt. Pinos. Looking
for 2m SSB contacts.

Gary Barr: K6MLU funeral on FD
Saturday. Some will be in atten-
dance.

Adrienne WA6YEO: Next VE ses-
sion - Monday, July 13, 7pm at First
Christian Church.

Address: 1702 E. Ave J - Across from
Wal-Mart. Session is GLAARG ses-
sion with \$5 fee.

Next board meeting: Thursday, July 2
at Keith's QTH and is a potluck. Ar-
rive at 5:30pm. The meeting is open
to all AVARC members and should
end by 8:30pm.

Next LAACARC meeting is Tuesday,
July 7, 2015 at 7-9pm and will be
held at the Toyota Museum building
in Torrance. Next HAMCON meet-
ing: Aug 8 10am-12:30pm At Tor-
rance Marriott.

Short Circuit articles for June will be
due on Sunday, July 12. Please sub-
mit them directly to Adrienne at
wa6yeo@sbcglobal.net

Keith: 1944 receiver for sale on an
estate sale. Has contact information
for this item.

Door Prize Drawing: \$7.50 won by
Dan W6DAS donated to George
KC6UVM to help defray fuel ex-
pense.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:00pm

AVARC Board Meeting July 2, 2015

Opening: Margie Hoffman
KG6TBR - President

7:20 p.m. @ Carole and Eugene's
QTH

Minutes from last meeting: Secre-
tary Dan Sherwood W6DAS.

Any corrections?

Motion to approve as printed in
Short Circuit: Made by: AF6OV,
Seconded by: KG6SLC Approved?

Yes

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Secretary's Desk...



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Treasurer's report: Gary Barr WA6TWT - Balance: \$4,284 including \$89.00 cash.

Membership Report: Gary Barr WA6TWT - Members: #100, ARRL membership-74%

Members present tonight:

Margie Hoffman KG6TBR, Dan Sherwood W6DAS, Gary Barr WA6TWT, Gary Mork WA6WFC, Keith Hoyt K6GXO, Dick Miller KJ6W, Adrienne Sherwood WA6YEO, Pat Okawa, Eugene and Carol Humpherys.

Old Business:

1) Field Day 2015: Margie thanked all those who helped out last weekend.

Review of Field Day in New Business. Many issues with the GOTA station. Logging standards were needed, and procedure for packing up the antenna post event was needed.

Sprinklers came on. City claimed equipment malfunction. Most members liked this park better than City Park. Expenses – bring receipts for remaining expenses to the next general membership meeting.

2) Newline and Net Control operator shortage.

Margie continues to ask for volunteers for net control. There is no Newline Report scheduled at this time. We will monitor for the future.

3) Check list for Club Documents: Margie is still working on item.

4) Field Day: Shirt and Supply order:

Margie took orders and John has not picked up his prepaid shirt. Margie has it today.

• **New Business:**

1) Club Insurance is now with Risk Strategies, which is just the manager. Previously Hays Infinity. The coverages are the same as previously and are now due on August 1, 2015. We should review the policy and Gary should cut a check so that Margie can make the payment. The contact email address will be changed to insurance@avarc.club.

2) Club postcards for mail outs. Eugene will recreate them. These are for new hams, and prospective members.

• **Announcements:**

Dan: AV Prepper presentation will be given later in July. Will publish date and time of this meeting.

Adrienne WA6YEO: Next VE session to be held on Monday, July 13, at 7pm at the First Christian Church. Address: 1702 E. Ave J - Across from Wal-Mart. This is a GLAARG session and fee is \$5. VE's, please let Adrienne if you will be available to assist.

Next General meeting: Thursday, July 23, 2015.

Eyeball at 6:45-7:30, Meeting 7:30-9pm. Guest speaker: TBA

Next board meeting: Thursday, Aug 6, 2015 at 7pm. and will be hosted

at Carol & Eugene's QTH and will be a potluck. We can arrive at 5:30pm. Call Margie if you have items for the agenda.

Next HAMCON meeting is Saturday, August 8, 2015 and will be held on at Torrance Marriott. Margie will attend.

Margie: Reminder: ARRL Southwestern Division Convention September 11-13, 2015 registration is open for the Torrance convention. For more information, please go to the website at www.hamconinc.org, which is being continually updated with new information. PayPal Registration applications online are available as well as the form is printed in each monthly Short Circuit from now through the date of the event.

Reminder: Adrienne needs the next Short Circuit articles or any other submissions absolutely no later than Monday night July 12.

Please submit them directly to Adrienne WA6YEO At wa6yeo@sbcglobal.net

Meeting Adjourned: 08:39

Respectfully Submitted,
Dan Sherwood W6DAS
AVARC Secretary 2015



President's Corner...



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and go to the MENU area to register or book hotel rooms through a special reservation portal exclusively for HAMCON attendees.

Any other information can be found on this website. You can either register online through PayPal or download the form and mail directly with your check.

As in prior convention years, VE's who are affiliated with our club will be setting up and holding the ARRL VE testing session that will be held on Saturday, September 12th at the convention. If you are an accredited ARRL VE, please contact Adrienne Sherwood WA6YEO to get on her roster for this session.

Thanks much to all those who assisted in Field Day preparations including the set up and tear down. We had a follow up after action discussion on the subject of Field Day at our last board meeting and there were many pros as far as the

venue, but we found that we are still lacking in the procedures, certain areas of preparation, and our consistency. I have put together an Excel spreadsheet, which we used, but I will add the items and areas where we could see some improvement so that our subsequent annual events will continue to be successful. Let me know if there is something you observed, or have other constructive suggestions to talk about in these areas. Also, again, thanks to Dan Sherwood W6DAS who spent much time sorting out the logs and preparing and submitting our scores to ARRL.

For now, let's look forward to the next half of our year, and don't forget, we need you to consider stepping up to serve your club as a 2016 officer or a board member. Until then:

See you all at the meeting!

73,
Margeie KG6TBR

From the VEEP...

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“Introduction of the Senate bill is a huge step toward achieving fairness for amateurs affected by private land-use regulation,” indicated ARRL President Kay Craigie, N3KN. “For them and for the future of Amateur Radio, I thank everyone who contributed to making this progress. Now let's finish the job!”

In the House, the bill currently has 86 co-sponsors. In the Senate, the bill has just one, the original co-sponsor. More co-sponsors are needed.

The ARRL is spearheading a letter writing campaign to our House and Senate Representatives. Samples of effective letters can be found on the ARRL web site. If you do write a letter to your representative, please send it to the ARRL at ARRL, Attn: HR 1301 Grassroots campaign, 225 Main St., Newington, CT 06111. The ARRL will use your letter as a tool in effectively working with our representatives.

Currently, the House version of the bill is in the House Energy Committee which is chaired by a ham radio operator, Greg Walkden, W7EQI. (Now that is a good sign.)

I have my fingers crossed that the bill will ultimately pass and give us more influence when it comes to HOA CC&Rs. (Get those antennas ready!)

73,
Carl AF6OV



VE TESTING SCHEDULE 2015

8/1/2015	Saturday	9am.	GLAARG
9/14/2015	Monday	7pm.	ARRL
10/3/2015	Saturday	9am.	GLAARG
11/9/2015	Monday	7pm.	GLAARG
12/12/2015	Saturday	9am.	ARRL

SWAP SHOP

EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

The following is a partial list of amateur radio related equipment items obtained from the estate of a deceased AVARC club member

1. Complete Kenwood lo-band station: TS-940S (w/AT), SM220 station monitor, SP-940 speaker, MC-85 mic/control stand, PC-1A phone patch controller, TR-2000 headset.
2. Kenwood lo-band xcvr TS-430S with PS-430S power supply.
3. Kenwood TM-621 dual-bander w/ mic.
4. Icom IC-27H VHF xcvr w/mic
5. Icom IC-22A w/mic
6. Realistic scanner PRO-2021
7. Palomar P-410X 160-10m xcvr pre-amp
8. Conar 202 freq counter, 212 vtvm, 320 regulated pwr supply 15vdc
9. MFJ 422B electronic keyer
10. Hygain Tailtwister rotor

I have numerous miscellaneous other items including a 2M station gain antenna, a 54 foot crank-up tower (HD-354), 2 lo-band yagis, cables and connectors, and some antenna parts. Some RG-8 type cable also available as is the rotor control cable. Serial numbers, where available, provided upon request. I can be contacted at 661-533-4025 anytime and will try to answer any questions. Any reasonable offers accepted. Inspections invited but call first.

Keith Hoyt.....K6GXO

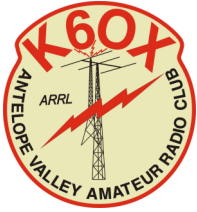
AVARC FIELD DAY 2015



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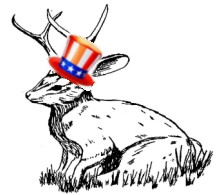
September 11, 12, & 13, 2015 - Torrance Marriott South Bay Hotel

For additional information visit: WWW.HAMCONINC.ORG



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AVARC board meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month. All members are welcome to attend, although they should let the president or another officer know that they are planning to attend, as the meetings usually include a pot-luck dinner at the home of one of the officers.

The club net is on Wednesdays at 8:00, on the Hauser repeater (146.73 MHz PL 100). The net includes Amateur Radio Newslite, and all members and guests are invited to check in.

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